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KENTUCKIANS RECEIVE \$30 MILLION IN DISASTER HELP

LEXINGTON, Ky. – More than \$30 million now is in the hands of Kentuckians affected by May's severe storms and flooding.

Two months after President Obama declared Kentucky eligible for federal disaster assistance:

- 7,282 individuals have registered for FEMA assistance.
- Of the \$30.0 million in federal assistance, Kentuckians have received more than \$16.8 million in housing assistance (e.g. rental assistance, home repair assistance), and nearly \$ 2.9 million in other needs (e.g. personal property loss, medical costs, and other disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance).
- **6,212** home inspections have been completed.
- **2,881** people visited one of the 23 Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) opened in the Commonwealth, where individuals could talk with disaster recovery specialists.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than \$10.8 million in disaster assistance loans to homeowners, renters and businesses.

Applicants with questions should call the Helpline at **800-621-FEMA** (3362), TTY 800-462-7585. Phone lines are open every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EDT

Additional information about this disaster is available at www.kyem.ky.gov/currentdisasters

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to the SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.